



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 16 - 7th January 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year. I hope you all had a good festive break and managed to stay safe and well.

Clubs

After School clubs take up has been good this term. If you wish to use any of the Clubs, access is still available, please send your request purchase via parent mail.

Reminder: School Uniform policy

Please ensure your children are wearing school uniforms in line with our policy. PE kits are not to be worn all day except for PE days. If your child attends an after school club, they must have a change of clothing and appropriate footwear if their club involves physical activity. School colours are important so please adhere to them. More details are available on our website

Ex School Governor

On a sad note I regret to inform our school community of the passing of Sam Coster, who was one of our school governors for many years, on Friday, 2nd January 2026. He was a significant figure in Newham Education for over 60 years. He will be dearly missed and our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Owen-Amadasun
Headteacher

Happy
New
Year

General Information

Polling day - school closure

We have been informed that the school will be used as a polling station on **Thursday May 7th**.
School will be closed that day to all classes, including nursery.
Little Ellies will be open as usual.

Piano Fun Club showcase

At the end of last term, pupils who attend the Piano Fun Club piano lessons had the opportunity to showcase the skills they have acquired in their weekly lessons. They performed to the whole school and their parents and carers, playing beautifully and with such confidence and joy. The audience, your piano teacher and school staff are so proud of the progress you have made. Well done and a huge thank you to their teacher Einar who has worked so well with the children.

Recordings of the performances will soon be available on the school website - we will let you know when they have been uploaded.

If your child is interested in attending piano lessons, you can enrol them via the Piano Fun Club website, here: <https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/>

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (19th December 2025)

Every child is in one of our five houses.

They can earn points for their house by showing our 5 school values and by supporting other children in the school. Each week, the House with the most points becomes House of the Week and they have a star added to their chart in



the hall.

The House with the most stars at the end of the year gets an afternoon at the park with ice lollies too!

The House winners at the end of term were:

Red House - Ade Adepitan!

Work of the week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Tajus	For showing great perseverance in learning about shapes.
1	Cristi	For creating fantastic pattern sequences in maths independently.
2	Cataleia	For her wonderful edits to her photos within the computing lesson.
3	D'or	For making exceptional progress in her writing.
4	James	For neatly presenting his work in Maths.
5	Shannon	A really descriptive ode to an imposter.
6	Majus	For his perseverance and hard work using the sewing machine to make a waistcoat in DT.

Stars of the week

	Katherine Johnson	Malala Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Noah	Makai	Liyanah	Adil	Ayla
Guppy 2	Elliza	Codee	Tinatini	Charles	Bohdan
Lionfish	Amara	Ilinca	Jayden	Marcus	Kamila
Clownfish	Janaya	Matteo	Valery	Aima	Adele
Jellyfish	Cristian	Aayat	Ayaan Ali	Lucas	Emma
Starfish	Holly	Zaara	Bleu	Diana	Kevin
Turtle	Louisa	Adam	Jokubas	Elise	Elia
Lobster	Halle	Zara	Aurora	Otilia	Filippos
Octopus	Nyla	Dania	Freddy	Elsie	Ismaeel
Seahorse	Lohith	Layla	Esther	Zoya K	Michaela
Stingray	Eliora	Ridwan	Brittany	Shannon	Dawud
Dolphin	Austeja	Avaya	Genesis	Areeb	Robert
Shark	Maya	Farwa	Max	Kai'Rone	Antonio
Whale	Kemi	Matas	Abraham	Montana	David M

Special Mentions

Who	Reason
RockSteady Bands	For an electric performance during your concert! We all loved singing along with your performances and hearing how much you have learned. Well done.

Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Clownfish	Adam
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Turtle	Fisola
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle	Elia, Louisa & Lucian
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Turtle	Safa, Ahmad
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle	Ahmad
Lexia	Starfish	Reggie - Level 9

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Our Newham: Empowering residents and businesses with confidential advice and support

Our Newham is the council's service exclusively for Newham residents supporting you across five programmes: Money, Work, Business & Enterprise, Learning & Skills and Youth.

From helping residents maximise their income and kickstarting career journeys to supporting local businesses and start-ups, find out how Our Newham can help give you the boost you need at: www.newham.gov.uk/ournewham or come and visit us at 112-118 The Grove, E15 1NS

London Youth Games Newham Cricket Team Trials

Attend a trial for Team Newham's London Youth Games Cricket team on the 20th and 27th January from 5.30 - 7.30pm!

Where: Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane, London E13 8SD

To represent Newham at the London Youth Games children must either live in Newham or attend a Newham school. The London Youth Games Cricket is Year 8 and under for boys and Year 10 and under for girls. Please see the attached poster with more details.

To book a space in the trial please email mahbubul.alam@gll.org